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Dear Colleague:

The Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN) of the Department of Health and Human Services is pleased to announce the kick-off of the nomination period for a new project entitled *"Emerging Practices in Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention."* This project is designed to elevate the understanding of the kinds of programs operating across the country and to discover the best available information on emerging and promising practices in child abuse and neglect prevention.

To garner the best information about emerging and promising practices, OCAN is utilizing the knowledge and expertise of the many professionals in the field of child abuse and neglect prevention. A nomination process has been started by which researchers and practitioners involved at the local program level are able to nominate programs and initiatives that, based on strong performance, are instructive to the entire field and warrant national attention. Please visit the Child Abuse Prevention Month web page at <http://www.calib.com/nccanch/prevmnth/nominate/> for eligibility criteria and guidance about how to nominate an effective or innovative child abuse and neglect prevention program.

OCAN anticipates that this project will offer new insights regarding current child abuse and neglect prevention programming. The initiative is expected to culminate in a publication suitable for widespread dissemination. The publication will summarize the nominated programs and initiatives, inform the field about innovative strategies for success, and provide an objective, professional context for information on program effectiveness.

Due to the nature of the project, there is a need to widely disseminate information about the nomination process to professionals throughout the field of child abuse and neglect prevention. OCAN is using every possible avenue in ensuring that no group or person is omitted from the nomination process because of a lack of knowledge about the project. Due to this urgent need to reach all professionals, OCAN is respectfully asking if the following announcement and link can be added to your organization's web-site and/or newsletter. It is a short paragraph announcing the project with a link to the Child Abuse Prevention Month web page, which contains more information including eligibility criteria and information about how to nominate a program. Additionally, feel free to disseminate this information to any other persons or organizations that may have an interest. It is important to capture the attention of as many professionals as possible to ensure nominations are representative of the field.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns please contact David Thomas at (703) 385-3200.

Sincerely,

Susan Orr
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